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SUBJECT: VISIT OF NAVY CHIEF OF CHAPLAINS  
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1. CHAPLAIN (RADM) JOHN J. O'CONNOR, US NAVY CHIEF OF CHAPLAINS, VISITED NATO HEADQUARTERS ON MARCH 23. PURPOSE OF HIS VISIT WAS TO MEET SENIOR MEMBERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL, AND SELECTED NATIONAL, STAFFS -- AND TO FOLLOW-UP ON SEVERAL CONTACTS ALREADY MADE -- ON THE SUBJECT OF SPIRITUAL AND HUMAN VALUES HELD IN COMMON BY ALLIANCE MEMBERS.

2. THIS VISIT FOLLOWS A LONDON MEETING IN OCTOBER 1977 OF NATO NAVY CHIEFS OF CHAPLAINS. AT THAT MEETING THE CHIEFS NAMED A FIVE-MEMBER AD HOC GROUP (COMPOSED OF CHIEFS OF NAVY CHAPLAINS FROM THE US, UK, FRANCE, GERMANY, AND DENMARK) TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF  
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PROVIDING SUPPORT IN SOME FORM FOR THE SHARED SPIRITUAL/HUMAN VALUES IN THE ALLIANCE. THIS AD HOC GROUP WILL MEET AT SHAPE MARCH 29-31 UNDER THEIR OWN AUSPICES.

3. IN HIS DISCUSSIONS AT NATO HEADQUARTERS WITH US, CHAPLAIN O'CONNOR DESCRIBED THE CONCERN EXPRESSED BY THE CHIEFS OF NAVAL CHAPLAINS THAT THE RELATIONSHIP OF

ALLIANCE SECURITY AND THE DIGNITY AND WORTH OF INDIVIDUALS,  
AS ACKNOWLEDGED AT THE FOUNDING OF THE ALLIANCE, BECOMES  
INCREASINGLY IMPORTANT AS EAST-WEST VIEWS ON THE HUMAN  
RIGHTS QUESTION STAND IN EVEN SHARPER CONTRAST FOLLOWING  
HELSINKI AND BELGRADE. THE AD HOC GROUP MEETING NEXT  
WEEK IS EXPECTED TO CONSIDER THE FEASIBILITY OF  
ACTIVITIES OR INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK WHICH MIGHT  
SUPPORT THIS RELATIONSHIP. BENNETT

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